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THIRD AMENDMENT

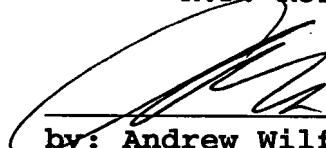
This is in response to the Office Action mailed
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Applicant by his duly appointed attorney herewith elects Group I of claims 1-8, 10, 12, and 15-27 drawn to a junction system for joining a filiform element to a connection system, with traverse.

The examiner's attention is directed to 37 CFR 1.475(b) that states that a "national stage application containing claims to different categories of invention will be considered to have unity of invention if the claims are drawn to only one of the following combinations of categories: . . . (4) A process and an apparatus or means specifically designed for carrying out the said process."

Under this rule claims 30 and 32 drawn to the method of joining a filiform element to a connection therefore are entitled to examination with the elected claims under this special PCT Rule, and only claims 33-39 stand withdrawn. Alternately the examiner is requested to explain why this Rule 475 does not apply to this application.

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